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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 2475 ACTION SECSTATE LONDON INFO DAR ES SALAA
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GABORONE MAPUTO PRETORIA AUGUST 19.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2475

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E.O. 11652 XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK
SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF CALLAGHAN LETTER

REF: STATE 197393

1. UK HIGH COMMISSONER MILES REQUESTED A MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR US, TO DELIVER THE CALLAGHAN LETTER.
HE MADE THE REQUEST FORMALLY THROUGH
THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND I FOLLOWED UP WITH A PHONE CALL
TO DOMINIC MULAISHO, WHO IS COVERING FOR MARK CHONA DURING
THE LATTER'S ABSENCE. MILES RECEIVED A REPLY A FEW HOURS
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LATER INFORMING HIM THAT DUE TO THE PRESIDENTS HEAVY
SCHEDULE, THE MEETING SHOULD BE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
MWALE.

2. AT THE MEETING, MILES PRESENTED THE LETTER AND
FOLLOWED UP WITH AN OUTLINE OF THE PROJECTED PLANS
FOR PRESENTING THE PROPOSAL PUBLICLY AND TO THE UN.

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I NOTED THE PURPOSE OF MY PRESSENCE AND PRESIDENT
CARTER'S PERSONAL INTERESTED, AS INSTRUCTED.

3. MWALE DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE
DISCUSSIONS IN DAR OR DISPOSITION OF ARMED FORCES OR
TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF NYERER'S CONCERNS. HE MADE THREE
POINTS AFTER HAVING READ THE LETTER. HE SAID HE NOTED
THAT FIRST THE BRITISH UNDERTOOK THE JOB BY THEMSELVES
THEN THEY BROUGHT IN THE AMERICANS, AND NOW THEY WERE
TURNING TO THE UN. NEVERTHELESS, THE RESPONSIBILITY IS
THAT OF GREAT BRITIA AND MUST CLEARLY REMAIN SO.

4. MWALE SAID THE EFFORTS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT MUST
BE AIMED IN ONE DIRECTION--TOWARDS GETTING SMITH OUT
AND DELIVERING THE COUNTRY TO MAJORITY RULE.
HE ASKED WHY BOTHA HAD GONE TO LONDON AND WHEN MILES
ANSWERED BECAUSE WE NEEDED HIS HELP WITH SMITH, MWALE
SHOOK HIS HEAD. HE SAID THAT "INTENTIONS" WERE NOT
ENOUGH IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR TO DISPLACE SMITH.
WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FURTHER THAN THAT BY NOW. HE
CRITICISED "DISCUSSIONS" WITH SMITH. I NOTED THAT
WE WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING THE PLAN PUBLIC WHETHER OR NOT
SMITH ACCEPTED IT . OUR PURPOSE WAS SERIOUS IN MOVING
ON FROM THERE TO FURTHERING ITS IMPLEMENTATION
AND I ADDED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWN
AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON
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THIS.

5. MWALE SAID HE NOTED THAT WE WERE CARRYING
ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MUZOREWA AND OTHERS BESIDES THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT. IT WAS THE PEOPLE WHO WERE DOING THE
FIGHTING WHO WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES AND LEADERS OF
ZIMBABWE. WE REPLIED THAT OUR PURPOSE
WAS TO PROVIDE A SITUATION IN WHICH THE PEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE COULD CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD
CORRESPONDED WITH THE ZAMBIAN POINT OF VIEW. THE BEST
WAY TO DO THAT WAS THROUGH ELEMENTS
STILL CONTROLLED BY SMITH AND WE CALLED HIS ATTEMTION
TO THE STATEMENTS IN THE LETTER RELATING TO THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF THE RHODESIAN ARMY AND THE ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY
THE LIBERATION FORCES.

6. THE MEETING WAS NOT UNFRIENDLY THOUGH MWALE MADE
NO ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE HIS SKEPTICISM THAT THE
PROPOSAL WOULD BRING A SETTLEMENT
THROUGH MAJORITY RULE BY GETTING RID OF
THE SMITH GOVERNMENT. HE PROMISED TO PASS THE LETTER ON
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO HE SAID MIGHT BE IN

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TOUCH WITH US IN RESPONSE.
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